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Letter From Mr. Henry Roberts, Chairman of the Highway Commission of the State of Tennessee.

Mr. H. W. Horton, President Boone Commercial Club, received recently the following letter from Mr. Henry Roberts, Chairman of the Road Commission of the State of Tennessee, in answer to some questions relative to our future road connections with that State, and we publish it in full. It follows:

"The situation in Tennessee is this: We have two roads from Bristol to Boone, N. C., one by Elizabethton and Elk Park, and the other by Mountain City and Trade, the latter also giving us a direct connection through Jefferson to Winston-Salem, both are a part of the State Highway System in Tennessee.

"The road from Bristol to Elizabethton is an old water-bound macadam, badly worn, which have not been maintained since it was constructed some six or seven years ago. Plans are practically perfected to rebuild this road in the next year or two. From Elizabethton to the Tennessee line near Elk Park, about 18 miles, if my memory serves me right, \$30,000 was spent on reinforced concrete bridges and \$100,000 in grading the entire road about six years ago. The County Court and State Highway Commission have agreed upon a co-operative plan for surfacing this road, and I assume the work will be done within the next two years.

"On the other route we have an old water bound macadam from Bristol 13 miles to Holston River and two years ago the two counties, State Highway Commission and Forest Service put up about \$300,000 with which to improve this road of 34 miles from the river to the Tennessee line near Trade on road to Boone. The contract was let last year to grade and drain the 12.23 miles of this inside the Forest Reserve leaving about 2 miles next to Bristol and the residue on the east end. This project will be completed by fall. The other 9.91 miles between Mountain City and Bristol is advertised for bids on June 3rd, and the plans call for a water bound macadam surface. I do not know just when the section from Mountain City to Trade will be let.

At this point I might say we are interested in a North Carolina connection from Trade to Jefferson, and thence to Wilkesboro and Winston-Salem as well as the one to Boone.

"In Virginia, Boone Way is State Highway No. 10, 115 miles, of which about half is graded and surfaced with surface treated macadam, and the entire section will be completed inside of three years.

"I might add that Boone Way has been made a State Highway in Kentucky also and at least a part of same selected for preferred consideration in the construction program.

"We wish to assure all interested parties in North Carolina that we are doing and shall continue to do everything possible to speed up construction of this important highway in Tennessee and Virginia, and we expect to meet North Carolina at the state line at Trade and Elk Park with improved State Highways before a great while."

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Louisa Cook, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of June 1922 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
This 2nd day of June 1921.
J. B. TAYLOR, Administrator.

BIG ROAD MEETING FOR BLOWING ROCK.

Lenoir News-Topic.

The outlook for a through State road leading across Caldwell county from the Catawba line to Blowing Rock, with all toll gates taken off, is believed to be mighty good by local road men. In all probability a part of this will be hard surfaced. In connection with this road the state highway commission will send a committee to Blowing Rock on Monday, June 20, to go over the entire proposition.

Another important matter so far as Caldwell county is concerned is the change from the eighth district to the seventh district. This change was made at the meeting of the State highway commission in Raleigh early this month. The change was asked for by the Caldwell county road commission which sent one of its members, Mr. J. L. Nelson, to Raleigh to take up the matter with the State highway commission. Commissioner McBee, of the eighth district, readily gave his consent to the change and Commissioner Doughton of the Seventh district accepted the change and assured Mr. Nelson that he would strive in every way to serve the county as best he could.

The committee which is to be sent to Blowing Rock will go over the turnpike with the view of considering a proposition of the owners which is now before the commission. This proposition is said to be the offer of the turnpike to the State Highway Commission, the value to be placed by the members of the State highway commission. Named on this commission are Chairman Frank Page and Commissioners Wilkinson, Doughton Cox and Hart. The meeting will be in session two days and it is very probable that matters concerning other roads in this section will come up for discussion. It is believed that the commission will make an inspection trip over the Yonahlossee road from Blowing Rock to Linville and from that place to Newland. Another road likely to be investigated is that from Newland leading through Banner Elk to Boone. Governor Morrison will probably attend this meeting. The turnpike proposition is the only road in Caldwell county that is now before the State highway commission. All other roads or propositions have been waived in favor of the opening of a free road north and south through the county. Hickory is lending force to this project, and it is believed that Lincoln and Charlotte will want to connect up with this north and south road.

Good Wind Blowing.

If straws tell which way the wind is blowing it must be that a good wind is blowing in the right direction. Less than a year ago it took about all the spare change in a man's pocket to persuade the grocer to continue to send his ambassador to one's kitchen door, while now the ambassador comes for less, brings more, and there is the picture of a plug of chewing tobacco left in one's jeans after paying for last month's provender.

Going through grocery slips for May, 1920, it is found that at that time \$30.00 bought one hundred pounds of sugar and no more.

According to slips for May, 1921, the same measly \$30.00, bought:

One hundred pounds of sugar, 24 pounds of flour, 8 pounds of

lard, 1 pound of coffee, 1 pound of baking powder, two cakes of Octagon soap, 1 good broom, 3 pounds of butter, 1 box of bacon, 1 dozen bananas, 1 pound of cheese, 1 ham, 1 gallon of beans, 1 squash, 1 cabbage, 1 head lettuce, 1 bunch carrots, 1 dozen oranges, 1 quart straw berries, 1 box cocoa, bottle salad dressing, 1 bunch beets, 1 box matches, 1 box graham crackers, 1 pound of rice, 1 quart of syrup, 1 box of starch, 1 pound of tea, 1 package of soda, 1 can Old Dutch Cleanser, 1 box oatmeal, 6 grapefruit, 2 pounds of sirloin steak, one box of candy for the madam, and the grocer said "Thanks, call again."
—Hickory Record.

THE TURNPIKE PROJECT.

Charlotte Observer.

The information carried in The Observer of the taking of Caldwell County out of the eighth district and the placing of that county in Doughton's district, which action is to be followed by the taking over of the turnpike between Lenoir and Blowing Rock, with a new extension to Boone, proved a development of surpassing interest to the people in this part of the State. It is by far the most interesting development in the State's road program since the Highway Commission got into operation. Commissioner Doughton's personally conducted tour over the route made him an enthusiastic supporter of the project. Commissioner Wilkinson will this week join other Commissioners in a final going over of the project and then we may expect official announcement of the closing of the deal on part of the State. The Observer is not in possession of the details of the proposition, but it will be remembered that a few days ago it advanced the views of interested parties that the owners of the pike would turn it over to the State as a free gift, the State to hard-surface and maintain it. A re-location of grade at certain points would be desirable but that is a minor consideration.

The original turnpike was laid out by surveyors from the State University and it has always been regarded as one of the finest mountain highway's in the world. It is 23 miles in length and reaches an altitude of 5,000 feet above sea level. One of the big reasons why the State should take an interest in this road is its Appalachian Training School at the Boone end of the line, but its greater interest would be the establishment of a highway that would serve to develop one of the richest counties in America and to open to the people of the "lowlands" the doors to storehouses of inexhaustible agricultural and mineral wealth.

SCHOOL SAVERS ARE DOING SPLENDID WORK IN THRIFT CAMPAIGN

MANY SOCIETIES FORMED AND MEMBERS ARE NOW BUSILY WATCHING THEIR MONEY GROW

Teachers and children are enthusiastic over the new thrift spirit in the school room, which has already resulted not only in giving a novel and practical interest to time honored subjects, but in the organization of approximately 11,000 school savings clubs in the schools of this district. Last year the gross sales of Thrift and War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates in the fifth district amounted to more than \$2,315,000 during the school session, and it is hoped that when the figures are compiled for the 1920-1921 session, an even better record will be shown.

Thousands of penny and nickel savings books, text leaflets in thrift and wall charts for showing the records of savings clubs have been mailed out to

WATKINS MEDICINE BUSINESS FOR SALE. One medicine wagon and team, large amount of good accounts and \$800 worth of medicine. J. G. Norris, Jr., Boone, N. C.

The North Carolina Orthopaedic Hospital will open its doors to the crippled, deformed child in June. The management of the institution wishes to help every child of sound mind, under 14 years old in the state, all it can quickly, especially the poor, needy and orphaned child. If you know of such a child in your county or neighborhood write to R. B. Babington, President North Carolina Orthopaedic Hospital, Gastonia, N. C. for an application blank at once. 5-26-21

schools asking for them. Boys and girls are learning to put their money into government savings securities instead of wasting it, and in order that they may not look upon savings as an end in itself, and gain a false conception of thrift as a form of stinginess, they are encouraged to save for some definite, worthwhile object such, for instance, as a college education or business capital.

Saving is only a third of the game, however, for the youngsters earn much of the money they save and invest in Thrift and Savings Stamps. Weeding tobacco, running errands, clerking in stores, washing dishes, raising vegetable and live stock are some of the callings in which school savings club members engage during summer vacations and after school hours, and keen is the rivalry among them.

Even the smallest tots are taking an active part in the "Earn and Save" movement, and patriotic teacher, who understand the value of thrift as an element of good citizenship are devoting their time and thought to making it part of their educational work, and are also encouraging the organization of savings clubs by the children themselves. They realize that they are rendering a real service to the country by teaching sound economic thought, practical patriotism and prosperity.

NINE REASONS FOR GOING TO CHURCH

Theodore Roosevelt, than whom there have been few greater Americans, gave the following reasons why people should go to church.

1. In this actual world, a churchless community, a community where men have abandoned and scoffed at or ignored their religious needs, is a community on the rapid down grade.

2. Church work and church attendance mean the cultivation of the habit of feeling some responsibility for others.

3. There are enough holidays for most of us. Sundays differ from other holidays in the fact that there are fifty-two of them every year—therefore on Sunday go to church.

4. Yes, I know all the excuses I know that one can worship the Creator in a grove of trees, or by a running brook, or in a man's own house just as well as in the church. But I also know as a matter of cold fact the average man does not thus worship.

5. He may not hear a good sermon at church. He will hear a sermon by a good man who, with his good wife, is engaged all the week in making hard lives a little easier.

6. He will listen to and take part in reading some beautiful passage from the Bible. And if he is not familiar with the Bible, he has suffered a loss.

7. He will take part in singing some good hymns.

8. He will meet and nod or speak to good quiet neighbors. He will

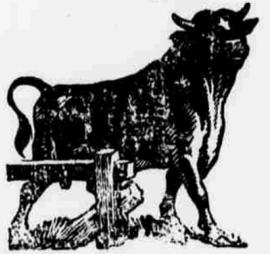
come away feeling a little more charitably toward all the world, even toward those young men who regard church going as a soft performance.

9. I advocate a man's joining in church work for the sake of showing his faith by his works.

There are plenty of other reasons why people should attend church, but it is not needful that they all be enumerated here. We are convinced that a fair trial of church attendance will convince any open-minded man or woman that it is worth while. And don't forget that the last Sunday in this month, June 26, is "Go to Church Day." On that day we want every man, woman child and visitor to attend one of the churches.

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E. H. Mortimer
Elk Park, N. C.

